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SUBJECT: ADMIRAL VASQUEZ LETTER TO ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY/SECOND DESTROYER  
FOR ECUADOREAN NAVY

ARA ALSO FOR AMBSSADOR BREWSTER

1. ECUADOREAN NAVY COMMANDER ADMIRAL VASQUEZ HAS WRITTEN TO  
CNO ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY IN A LETTER DATED OCTOBER 22, BEING  
POUCHED TO WASHINGTON BY NAVATT, THANKING ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY  
FOR THE LATTER'S LETTER OF AUGUST 21, 1974, AND ACCEPTING  
ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY'S OFFER OF TWO ACTIVE DESTROYERS FOR THE  
ECUADOREAN NAVY. OPERATIVE SENTENCE IN VASQUEZ' LETTER  
READS, IN INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION, "I DEEPLY APPRECIATE  
YOUR THOUGHTS AND THE OFFER YOU HAVE MADE FOR MY COUNTRY'S  
NAVY, AND FOR THIS REASON I ACCEPT AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
PROPOSAL TO GRANT TO US, WITHIN A SHORT TIME, TWO (RPT TWO)  
ACTIVE DESTROYERS."

2. NAVATT AND USMLO WILL POINT OUT TO ECUADOREAN NAVY THAT ADMIRAL  
HOLLOWAY'S LETTER NOWHERE MENTIONED A SECOND DESTROYER,  
EXCEPT IN THE REMARK "I UNDERSTAND YOUR STRONG DESIRE FOR  
A SECOND DESTROYER IN FY 1976. AT THIS TIME, NO ASSETS  
ARE AVAILABLE TO FULFILL THIS REQUIREMENT; HOWEVER, OUR  
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FORCE PLANNING REMAINS UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW, AND WHEN

FY 77 RETIREMENTS ARE DETERMINED, YOUR REQUEST WILL BE  
GIVEN EVERY CONSIDERATION."

3. SUBJECT TO AMBASSADOR BREWSTER'S CONCURRENCE, EMBASSY  
DOES NOT RECOMMEND THAT US RE-OPEN THE SUBJECT OF THE  
SECOND DESTROYER AT THIS TIME BY RESPONDING TO VASQUEZ'  
LETTER. WE BELIEVE OUR PURPOSES ARE PROBABLY BEST SERVED  
BY THE LOW-KEY REJOINDER PROPOSED IN PARA 2 ABOVE, WHICH  
WILL KEEP THE RECORD CLEAR, BUT AVOID KICKING A DORMANT DOG.

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